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SUBJECT: GIEREK DISCUSSES YOUTH AND IDEOLOGY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GIEREK'S APRIL 5 SPEECH PLACED CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON YOUTH AND IDEOLOGY, THUS UNDERLINING ONCE AGAIN TWO MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE PRESENT REGIME. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 5 FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE PARTY REPORTING- ELECTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE POMERANIAN MILITARY DISTRICT WHICH, WHILE UNREMARKABLE IN CONTENT (WE ASSUME FBIS CARRIED THE TEXT), NEVERTHELESS SERVES TO POINT UP TWO PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN MUCH ON THE MIND OF THE REGIME IN RECENT MONTHS: YOUTH AND IDEOLOGY. WITH REGARD TO THE FORMER, GIEREK SAID NOTHING NEW, BUT HIS EMPHASIS ON INSTILLING THE PROPER
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HABITS AND MORAL QUALITIES IN YOUNG PEOPLE WAS A FURTHER CLEAR INDICATION OF THE REGIME'S CONCERN WITH THIS MATTER. UNDERSTANDABLY, HE LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THIS OCCASION ON THE ROLE THAT MILITARY SERVICE COULD PLAY IN THIS PROCESS, BUT HE TOOK NOTE OF ALL THE MAJOR AREAS OF INFLUENCE (EXCEPT OF COURSE THE CHURCH) UPON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL, I. E., HOME, SCHOOL, PLACE OF WORK. HE ALSO CONFIRMED IN PASSING THAT, AS WE HAD HEARD EARLIER, YOUTH WILL BE THE THEME OF DISCUSSION AT A MEETING OF THE SEJM IN A FEW DAYS.

3. ON THE IDEOLOGICAL SIDE, GIEREK SEEMED TO GIVE SOMEWHAT MORE TIME THAN IS USUAL FOR HIM TO AN ORTHODOX MARXIST DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD, NOTING THAT THE " CLASS ESSENCE OF IMPERIALISM" HAD UNDERGONE NO MODIFICATION AND THE CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION (WHICH HE INTERPRETED VERY POSITIVELY) WERE DUE TO THE SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF FORCES " IN FAVOR OF SOCIALISM". ELSEWHERE IN THE SPEECH, WHILE EXTOLLING POLISH HISTORY AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION, HE CALLED FOR A CORRECT " MARXIST- LENINIST, CLASS ANALYSIS OF HISTORY". AT THE SAME TIME HE STRESSED THAT THE EXPANSION OF IDEOLOGICAL- EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY IS MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER, SINCE " IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS THE CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS ACQUIRES AN EVER GREATER IMPORTANCE ", AND YOUTH " MUST BE WELL PREPARED FOR THIS".

4. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, THE NOTION OF " IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION" HAS LATELY RECEIVED A FAIR DEGREE OF ATTENTION IN THE PRESS HERE, GIEREK, WHO HAS NOT HAD MUCH TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT, HAS NOW ADDED HIS VOICE TO THAT OF SZLACHCIC AND OTHER LESSER LIGHTS. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS HAVING DONE SO ON THIS OCCASION WOULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED, HIS REMARKS ARE BUT WORTH NOTING AS AN EXPRESSION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF WHAT HAS COME TO BE THE OFFICIAL LINE.
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